

## **REMARKS**

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed September 21, 2005. Claims 23, 45, and 54 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 14, 29, 33, 40, 47-53, and 55-59 have been amended. New claims 60-85 have been added. Thus, claims 1-22, 24-44, 46-53, and 55-85 remain pending in this case. Reconsideration of the present case is earnestly requested in light of the following remarks.

### **Objections**

The Examiner objected to claims 23, 34, 45, and 54, and made respective suggestions regarding the required appropriate corrections. Applicant notes that claims 9 and 33 have similar objected to limitations. Applicant has amended these claims accordingly.

### **Allowed Subject Matter**

The Examiner objected to claims 10, 17-18, 23, 25, 45, 54, and 56, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the respective base claims and intervening claims.

Applicant has decided to accept the allowed subject matter and has amended the claims accordingly. More specifically, Applicant has amended claim 1 based on the allowed subject matter of amended claim 23; Applicant has amended claim 14 based on the allowed subject matter of amended claim 23, and cancelled claim 23 accordingly; Applicant has amended claim 29 based on the allowed subject matter of amended claim 45; Applicant has amended claim 40 based on the allowed subject matter of amended claim 45, and cancelled claim 45 accordingly; and Applicant has amended claim 47 based on the allowed subject matter of amended claim 54, and cancelled claim 54 accordingly. Applicant has also amended claim 47 and those claims dependent therefrom to that of a statutory computer accessible memory medium form.

Applicant has also added further claims based on the allowed subject matter; specifically: new independent claim 60, based on the allowed subject matter of original claims 1 and 10 (with dependent claims 61-65), new independent claim 66, based on the

allowed subject matter of original claims 1, 2, and 23 (with dependent claims 66-73), new independent claim 74 based on the allowed subject matter of original claims 14, 15, and 24 (with dependent claims 75-79), and new independent claim 80 based on original claims 14, 15, and 24 (with dependent claims 81-85).

Applicant notes that no new matter has been added. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests removal of the objections to the claims.

#### **Claim 102 Rejections**

Claims 1, 6, 8, 11-14, 21, 26-28, 47, 52, and 57-59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,460,143, Howard et al. ("Howard"). Applicant has amended the claims as indicated and described above based on the allowed subject matter and submits that the claims as currently written are patentably distinct and non-obvious over the cited art and are thus allowable.

No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the Section 102 rejections.

#### **Claim 103 Rejections**

Claims 2, 3, 7, 15, 16, 22, 40-44, 48, 49, and 53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Howard in view of Chang et al. (US 2004/0027879, "Chang").

Claims 4, 5, 19, 20, 24, 50, 51, and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Howard in view of Knight et al. (US 2003/0167345, "Knight").

Claims 29-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang in view of Cohen et al. (US 6,928,562, "Cohen").

Claim 46 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Howard as modified by Chang in further view of Knight.

Applicant has amended the claims as indicated and described above, based on the allowed subject matter, and submits that the claims as currently written are patentably distinct and non-obvious over the cited art and are thus allowable.

No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the Section 103 rejections.

## CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5707-06000/JCH.

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Respectfully submitted,



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